GEORGETOWN
Essex County

NARRATIVE

Narrative

The Town of Georgetown is located in northern Essex County, between the Merrimack River Valley and the communities bordering Plum Island Sound. Still widely forested, with many acres of state forest land, the town features small town rural living within reach of employment centers via Route 95 and 97 to 495, and a location handy to nearby seaport, recreational areas, New Hampshire and Maine.

While the town has industrial development areas still available adjacent to Route 95, it also boasts a small downtown, which includes a thriving antiques center, an organ manufacturing company and a supermarket. The town also has an expanding public golf and country club.

The town's residents organize an annual Georgetown Days celebration during the weekend preceding the Fourth of July, including food, crafts, rides, entertainment and fireworks for the whole family.

(Narrative supplied by community)

GEOGRAPHY

Location
Northeastern Massachusetts, bordered by Boxford on the southwest, Groveland on the northwest, Newbury on the northeast, and Rowley on the southeast. Georgetown is 7 miles south of Haverhill, 28 miles north of Boston, and 250 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 13.17 sq. miles

Land Area: 12.94 sq. miles

Population: 6,384

Density: 493 per sq. mile

Climate
(National Climatic Data Center)

(Haverhill Station)
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Normal temperature in January.....24.7°F
Normal temperature in July........72.5°F
Normal annual precipitation.......44.4"
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U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates
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Georgetown, South Groveland, Newburyport West
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Regional Planning Agency
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Merrimack Valley Region
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Metropolitan Statistical Area
(1993 Definition)
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Lawrence
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![]GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices
     Main Number: (978) 352-5755
<u>Telephone Numbers for Public Information</u>

Form of Government
     Board of Selectmen
     Administrative Assistant
     Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated
     As a town: 1838

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

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                      Number     %
     Total Registered      4,004


     Democrats           1,173    29.3  %
     Republicans           868    21.7  %
     Other parties           0     0.0  %
     Unenrolled Voters   1,963    49.0  %
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Legislators

<u>Senators and Representatives by City and Town</u>

DEMOGRAPHICS

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.	7,377	100.0	**HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE**		
			Total population.	7,377	100.0
SEX AND AGE			Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	47	0.6
Male.	3,663	49.7	Mexican.	10	0.1
Female.	3,714	50.3	Puerto Rican.	11	0.1
			Cuban	1	-
Under 5 years	626	8.5	Other Hispanic or Latino	25	0.3
5 to 9 years	634	8.6	Not Hispanic or Latino	7,330	99.4
10 to 14 years	575	7.8	White alone.	7,236	98.1
15 to 19 years	404	5.5			
20 to 24 years	243	3.3	**RELATIONSHIP**		
25 to 34 years	833	11.3	Total population.	7,377	100.0
35 to 44 years	1,517	20.6	In households.	7,358	99.7
45 to 54 years	1,225	16.6	Householder.	2,566	34.8
55 to 59 years	396	5.4	Spouse	1,817	24.6
60 to 64 years	233	3.2	Child.	2,535	34.4
65 to 74 years	378	5.1	Own child under 18 years	2,036	27.6
75 to 84 years	243	3.3	Other relatives	242	3.3
85 years and over.	70	0.9	Under 18 years	62	0.8
			Nonrelatives	198	2.7
Median age (years).	37.4	(X)	Unmarried partner.	98	1.3
			In group quarters	19	0.3
18 years and over	5,264	71.4	Institutionalized population.	-	-
Male.	2,554	34.6	Noninstitutionalized population	19	0.3
Female.	2,710	36.7			
21 years and over	5,092	69.0	**HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE**		
62 years and over	824	11.2	Total households.	2,566	100.0
65 years and over	691	9.4	Family households (families).	2,025	78.9
Male.	293	4.0	With own children under 18 years	1,071	41.7
Female.	398	5.4	Married-couple family	1,817	70.8
			With own children under 18 years	966	37.6
RACE			Female householder, no husband present.	159	6.2
One race.	7,343	99.5	With own children under 18 years	83	3.2
White	7,268	98.5	Nonfamily households	541	21.1
Black or African American	11	0.1	Householder living alone	434	16.9
American Indian and Alaska Native.	10	0.1	Householder 65 years and over.	196	7.6
Asian	31	0.4			
Asian Indian	11	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years	1,113	43.4
Chinese.	5	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over . .	521	20.3
Filipino	2	-			
Japanese.	4	0.1	Average household size.	2.87	(X)
Korean	4	0.1	Average family size.	3.27	(X)
Vietnamese.	-	-			
Other Asian [1]	5	0.1	**HOUSING OCCUPANCY**		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander. . . .	-	-	Total housing units.	2,616	100.0
Native Hawaiian.	-	-	Occupied housing units	2,566	98.1
Guamanian or Chamorro.	-	-	Vacant housing units.	50	1.9
Samoan.	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander [2]	-	-	occasional use.	15	0.6
Some other race	23	0.3	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).	0.3	(X)
Two or more races	34	0.5	Rental vacancy rate (percent).	3.8	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			**HOUSING TENURE**		
or more other races: [3]			Occupied housing units	2,566	100.0
White	7,301	99.0	Owner-occupied housing units	2,215	86.3
Black or African American	17	0.2	Renter-occupied housing units	351	13.7
American Indian and Alaska Native.	14	0.2			
Asian	42	0.6	Average household size of owner-occupied units.	3.03	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.	1	-	Average household size of renter-occupied units .	1.82	(X)
Some other race	38	0.5			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero.   (X) Not applicable.
[1] Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.
[2] Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.
[3] In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.

HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman)-

Town Stats - Free market Statistics

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

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Conventional State:       136
Conventional Federal:       0
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Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

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State (MRVP:                0
Federal (Section 8):        0
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Department of Housing and Community Development
Mitt Romney, Governor, Jane Wallis Gumble, Director

TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

The development of transportation resources in the Merrimack Valley Region,
where Georgetown is located, was shaped by the history of the region as a
major site of American industrial development in the nineteenth century.
The area has exceptionally good highway and rail facilities linking the
major cities and towns to each other and to the port, airport, and
intermodal facilities of Boston.

Major Highways

Principal highways are Interstate Route 95 and State Routes 97 and 133.

Rail

There is no passenger or freight rail service in Georgetown, but the
network of intermodal facilities serving Massachusetts is easily
accessible.

Bus

Georgetown is a member of the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority
(MVRTA) but does not receive services. The Georgetown Council on Aging
provides paratransit services for the elderly and disabled.

Other

The Lawrence Municipal Airport, a Reliever facility (RL) located in North
Andover, is easily accessible. It has two asphalt runways 3,901' and 5,000'
long. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision.
Flight Line offers bus service to Logan Airport and Manchester Airport.

CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES
Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog

MUSEUMS
(American Association of Museums)
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     None
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RECREATION

Telephone Numbers for Public Information
Recreational Facilities(Recreational sites and activities)
Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section

MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES
(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals
> None

Long Term Care
> None

Hospices
> None

Rest Homes
> None

UTILITIES

Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities

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